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SUBJ: 1976 IVP NOMINATIONS.

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POST HERewith NOMINATES TWO RADIO CANDIDATES IN ADDITION TO
THOSE NOMINATED SANTIAGO 4683 (RADIO).

1. CARLOS WILLSON MARIN, DIRECTOR RADIO COOPERATIVA: PAST
POSITION: SECRETARY-MINISTER SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE,
PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC: PRESIDENT OF INTER-AMERICAN
CONFEDERATION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SANTIAGO: GENERAL MANAGER,
RADIO COOPERATIVA VITALICIA. PDOB: SANTIAGO, CHILE,
JULY 21, 1934. HAS TRAVELLED TO THE U.. SEVERAL TIMES
BUT HAS NEVER BEEN RECIPIENT OF A U.. GOVERNMENT GRANT.
EDUCATION: LAW DEGREE, UNIVERSITY OF CHILE. POST-GRADUATE
STUDIES AT UNIVERSITY OF MADRID, SPAIN AND UNIVERSITY OF
LONDON, ENGLAND. ENGLISH: GOOD. WILL NOT NEED ESCORT-
INTERPRETER. CLEARED.

2. JUSTIFICATION: AS HEAD OF SANTIAGO'S RADIO COOPERATIVA,
WILLSON IS EFFECTIVELY HEAD OF COOPERATIVA' CHAIN OF RADIO
STATIONS, INCLUDING A SHORTWAVE NETWORK, WHICH HAS WIDE
LISTENERSHIP THROUGHOUT CHILE. WILLSON IS A POLITICAL
MODERATE AND WELL RESPECTED AMONG CHILEAN MEDIA PERSONNEL.
WILLSON HAS NEVER BEEN TO THE U.. ON AN OFFICIAL GRANT,
AND BY DOING SO, COULD BE EXPOSED TO INSTITUTIONS, PEOPLE
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AND PLACES THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM SEE. AAS A RESULT

WE FEEL WE COULD LOOK FORWARD TO A CLOSER WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS NETWORK IN THE FUTURE.

3. DARIO CANUT DE BON URRUTIA, DIRECTOR RADIO DEL MAR, VALPARAISO. ALSO CHIEF PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR CHILEAN NAVAL ACADEMY AND ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR "EL MERCURIO", VALPARAISO. PAST POSITIONS: REPORTER, DAILY "EL SERENENSE" 1953-59; JOURNALIST DAILY "EL MERCURIO", VALPARAISO, 1959-70 ALSO PROFESSOR OF JOURNALISM, UNIVERSITY OF CHILE, VALPARAISO. PDOB: LA SERENA, CHILE, OCT. 29, 1939. HAS NEVER BEEN IN THE U.. BEFORE. HAS TRAVELLED TO EUROPE AND SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. EDUCATION: THREE YEARS LAW STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF CHILE AND SPECIAL COURSE IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES. MEMBERSHIP: CHILEAN JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION. ENGLISH: POOR. WILL NEED ESCORT-INTERPRETER. CLEARED.

4. JUSTIFICATION: AS DIRECTOR OF RADIO DEL MAR (RADIO NACIONAL'S VALPARAISO OUTLET) AS WELL AS OCCUPYING THE TWO OTHER IMPORTANT POSITIONS MENTIONED ABOVE, CANUT DE BON HAS INTEGRATED HIMSELF INTO THE HIGHEST CIRCLES OF BOTH THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT AND THE PRESS IN VALPARAISO. HIS VIEWS OF THE U.. COULD HAVE A WIDE IMPACT, AND HE SEEMS TO HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE.

5. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE ONLY ON IVP GRANT IN RADIO AND NOW WISH TO GIVE WILLSON AND CANUT DE BON PRIORITY.
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